



Dairy Farm Charm

Illinois has about 114,000 dairy cows that produce more than two million pounds of milk a year. On average, each cow produces enough milk per day to fill 90 glasses. That's over five gallons per day!

Explore dairy farms with this charm.

Cow confetti: Cows give us milk.

Green Crinkle paper: Grass that cows eat while in the pasture.

Soybean & Corn: Cows eat hay, silage, grains and a feed made of soybeans and corn.

Blue bead: Water--one cow drinks 40 gallons of water a day.

Red or Green Bead: Tractor--the farmer uses a tractor for many different functions on the dairy farm.

Real seal: The seal is put on natural dairy products.

Day & night symbol: The farmer has to milk the cows 2 times a day--once in the morning and once at night.

Heart confetti: Veterinarians help the farmer keep the cows healthy and producing safe milk.

Soap shavings: Cleanliness of the dairy farm keeps the milk supply safe.

Finally, punch a hole above the baggie's seal. Then, loop a string through the hole and tie it off. Now, you have a dairy charm to wear around your neck. Be sure to share everything you know about DAIRY!

Book Suggestions

The Milk Makers- Gail Gibbons (ISBN 0-8124-5204-6)

The Amazing Milk Book- Catherine Ross & Susan Wallace (ISBN 0-201-57807-4)

Extra Cheese Please- Cris Peterson (ISBN 1-56397-177-1)

Hooray for Dairy Farming- Bobbie Kalman (ISBN 0-86505-664-1)

Milk from Cow to Carton- Aliko (ISBN 0-06-445111-9)